

### **REMARKS**

The above-referenced patent application has been reviewed in light of the Final Office Action, mailed **July 12, 2006** (“the Action”) in which claims 1-13 and 15-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs, as being indefinite.

Applicants would like to thank Examiner for recognizing allowable subject matter in claims 1-13 and 15-24. See Action, page 8. Independent claims 1, 7, 13 and 18 have been amended to address the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 first and second paragraphs. Thus, the amendments made to claims 1, 12, and 19 were made to improve the form of these claims and to place them in better condition for issuance. In that regard, no new matter was added and a new prior art search is not warranted.

#### **Current Status of Claims:**

With this amendment, claims 1-4, 7-10, 13, 17-21 and 24 remain pending. Claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 13, 18 and 19 are amended as presented above. Also, with this amendment claims 5, 6, 11, 12, 15, 16, 22 and 23 have been canceled. Support for these amendments can be found in the application.

**Conclusion**

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-4, 7-10, 13, 17-21 and 24 are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. *The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.*

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